

ISDH Injury Prevention Advisory Council – Meeting of June 22, 2006

Agenda

- Introductions and review of minutes from the March 2nd meeting
 - Announcement of ISDH Injury Prevention Program Epidemiologist, who begins work TODAY!
 - Infant Suffocation Death Workgroup – Joanne Martin, Dawn Daniels
 PREVENT Institute training – attempted but not successful
 - Traumatic Brain Injury Report and Powerpoint by Brian Knapp
 - Progress in Trauma System Development – Charlene Graves, Susan Perkins
 - Fireworks Injury Reporting reactivated, per HEA 1099(PL 187)
 - Follow-Ups from last meeting
 - State Alliance for Injury Prevention – Karen Stroup
 - Injury prevention Core Competencies – Charlene Graves
 - RISK WATCH – Karen Stroup
 - Dog bites – Dawn Daniels
 - Reports and Announcements from Council members
 - Next Meetings: September 7 and December 7
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Minutes

Attending	Affiliation
Barbara Cole	Poison Control
Judith Ganser, MD	MCH @ ISDH
Donna Myers, RN	MCH @ ISDH
Charlene Graves, MD	Injury Prevention @ ISDH
Jodi Hackworth	Partnership to Prevent Firearm Violence
Heather McCabe	Partnership to Prevent Firearm Violence
Wendy St. John, RN	Wishard Hospital
Karen Stroup	Riley Children's Hospital
Deborah Watson	IN Dept of Homeland Security
Susan Perkins, RN	Trauma System Manager @ISDH

Susan Perkins was introduced as the new Trauma System Manager. Jodi Hackworth was announced as the part-time epidemiologist for the ISDH Injury Prevention Program, starting today, meeting a great need since Sandra Beck, previously in that position, left the program in May 2005.

Brian Knapp, a medical student completing a Public Health elective at ISDH in May, created a comprehensive PowerPoint slide presentation on Traumatic Brain Injury which was presented to the group by Dr. Graves. Brian also created a needs assessment survey and a written report with recommendations to consider for Indiana (distributed to

attendees). It was noted that Nena Ray of Clarian Methodist has long been involved in TBI prevention efforts through the Think First Program. Other resources are the Indiana University Center for Rehabilitation Sciences and Engineering Research and research being done at Purdue University on devices/equipment to assist farmers to return to work. This is a long-term interest of Dr. Bill Field at Purdue, who provided the 2005 Indiana Farm Fatality Summary report, which will be e-mailed to all Council members.

Dr. Graves announced that the Infant Suffocation Death Workgroup, under the leadership of Dr. Joe O'Neill, continues to meet to review available data and eventually will publish a report with recommendations related to Indiana's documented problem with this particular cause of death. Also Joanne Martin, Dawn Daniels, Dr. O'Neill, and Dr. Graves were involved in the submission of an application to the PREVENT Institute to enhance training on child abuse prevention, but the application was not selected for the program.

After Dr. Graves briefly reviewed the history of trauma system development in Indiana and the passage of SEA 284 by the state legislature this year, Susan Perkins reviewed current plans for development of a state trauma registry. Four vendors of web-based trauma registries will be providing demonstrations at ISDH on June 28th and July 6th. The goal is for the registry to be operational as of May 2007. ISDH has been closely involved with the Indiana Office of Traffic Safety and the Traffic Records Steering Committee in their work on a strategic plan for Indiana and funding for same through the National Highway Traffic Safety Agency (NHTSA). Future funding to support Indiana trauma system development and the state registry appears likely from 2006-2009. In addition, the Office of Rural Health, based at ISDH, is interested in funding pilot programming with rural hospitals, which could be improved education of emergency department medical and nursing staff in the 32 critical access hospitals related to injury prevention, injury surveillance, and trauma patient evaluation.

Mandated reporting of fireworks-related injuries to ISDH is active for 2006 due to the passage of HEA 1099 (PL 187). Debbie Watson commented on the use of legal and illegal fireworks and the possible impact of this new law. ISDH is sending out a press release on this topic on June 26th and Clarian has already issued recommendations to prevent this type of injury.

Karen Stroup recommended that the Council should expand its membership in order to evolve into a State Alliance for Injury Prevention. Representation should be added from at least the following organizations: the Indiana Department of Education (Phyllis Lewis), IACRA (Karen – please tell me what this is), Area Health Education Centers (AHECs), Head Start, Child Care Centers (through the Health Consultants Program -Pat Cole?), faith-based organizations, real estate agents, and the Indiana Safety Educators (ISE) who are public educators based in fire departments.

Discussion was held on the RISK WATCH Program, which is an evidence-based injury prevention curriculum developed for all grade levels (K-12) and an FAQs informational handout on the Program was distributed. Debbie Watson noted that the Program is now

located in the state Fire Marshal's Office but organizational changes there mean that the program needs direction and a "new home". Several suggestions were made as possibilities to be explored, particularly the FSSA Department of Child Services and /or build into the school systems (done in other states, link to the Indiana standards for education). Karen Stroup suggested that the RISK WATCH Program should be used for targeted interventions in various geographic locales of the state based on data. Charlene commented that such data is not yet available, although with the development of a state trauma registry and expanded injury surveillance programming it might be available in 3 to 5 years. Wendy St. John noted that she uses Wishard Hospital Trauma Registry data to design injury prevention programs for locales at highest risk of specific types of injuries in central Indiana.

The California Injury Prevention Core Competencies were e-mailed to Council members yesterday by Charlene, but Donna Myers, Barbara Cole, and Wendy St. John said they did not receive them, so a repeat e-mail of this information will be done.

Reports/Announcements from Council members:

- Karen announced that the Child Safety Store at Riley Hospital is celebrating its first anniversary and served 2500 families to date. Consideration is being given to expansion to other area of the state and to developing a website.
- Barbara Cole announced that July 7th is her last day of employment as an educator at the Indiana Poison Center. She will be moving to a new position as an educational specialist for the Indianapolis Star Newspapers in Education Program.
- Heather McCabe announced that the injury surveillance program of the Partnership to Prevent Violent Injury and Death is expanding and will utilize surveillance data from St. Joseph County.

As a reminder, the next Council meetings will be held on September 7 and December 7.